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Title: MAGNETRON ATOMIZATION SOURCE AND METHOD OF
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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about
February 1, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**(A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to this
Amendment.)**

Amend Claim 45 as follows:

45. (Amended) The target body according to Claim 44, wherein the
magnetron source comprises a magnetic circuit arrangement operable to
generate a magnetic field over the atomization surface, including an anode
arrangement, a receiving frame which extends around an edge of the target body
and is electrically insulated with respect thereto, which receiving frame has a
receiving opening for at least one workpiece to be coated, and the atomization
surface and a surrounding non-atomized residual interior surface of the receiving

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